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SUBJ: SITREP - JULY 13-14

1. ALONG WITH THE REST OF NEW YORK CITY, THE LOS
CONFERENCE WAS BLACKED OUT JULY 14. ON THE EVE OF THE
SCHEDULED JULY 15 ADJOURNMENT OF THE 6TH SESSION, A NUMBER
OF LOOSE ENDS REMAINED. PRESIDENT AMERASINGHE REPORTEDLY
FAVORS EXTENDING THE SESSION THROUGH JULY 18, BUT MANY
DELEGATIONS ARE RESISTING THAT IDEA.

2. THE CONTENT OF PART I OF THE NEW COMPOSITE TEXT REMAINS
A MYSTERY. FOR PARTS II AND III, IT APPEARS THAT THE
REVISIONS DISCUSSED IN THE SPECIAL NEGOTIATING GROUP
STAND A GOOD CHANCE OF FINDING THEIR WAY INTO AMERASINGHE'S
TEXT. IT SHOULD BE NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT COMMITTEE III
CHAIRMAN YANKOV (BULGARIA) HAS INDICATED IN RECENT DAYS
THAT HE MAY SEEK TO MAKE FURTHER CHANGES OF HIS OWN TO THE
PART III TEXT.

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3. AS FOR PART I, IT NOW SEEMS CLEAR THAT ENGO
WILL TRANSMIT A TEXT WHICH SIGNIFICANTLY CHANGES THE
EVENSEN DRAFTS IN A DIRECTION ADVERSE TO US INTERESTS.
IT IS NOW UP TO AMERASINGHE TO DETERMINE WHETHER AND
TO WHAT EXTENT TO ACCEPT ENGO'S INPUT. THE US IS
PRIVATELY ARGUING THAT ENGO'S REVISIONS DO NOT MERIT

INCLUSION IN THE COMPOSITE TEXT BECAUSE THEY HAVE NOT BEEN DISCUSSED IN THE COMMITTEE. THE EVENSEN TEXT, ON THE OTHER HAND, WHILE NOT COMPLETELY SATISFACTORY, REFLECTS A PROCESS OF NEGOTIATION, AND, TO THAT EXTENT DESERVES HIGHER STATUS. THE ENGO REVISIONS, WITH THEIR IMPLIED REPUDICATION OF THE EVENSEN PROCESS, COULD THREATEN THE FUTURE OF THE COMMITTEE I NEGOTIATIONS IF THEY BECAME EMBODIED IN THE COMPOSITE TEXT.

4. THE GENERAL COMMITTEE AND PLENARY WERE SCHEDULED TO MEET JULY 15 TO DECIDE WHETHER OR NOT TO EXTEND THIS SESSION. IN ANY CASE, THE COMPOSITE TEXT WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE BEFORE JULY 18. STILL BEFORE THE CONFERENCE IS DECIDING ON THE DATE, PLACE AND PROCEDURES FOR ITS NEXT MEETING. RATTRAY (JAMAICA) HAS CIRCULATED A FORMAL INVITATION TO HOLD THE CONFERENCE IN KINGSTON NEXT YEAR. NEW YORK IS PROBABLY NOT LIKELY BECAUSE OF REMODELLING OF MEETING FACILITIES PLANNED TO BEGIN EARLY NEXT YEAR. GENEVA WOULD BE THE LOGICAL ALTERNATIVE VENUE. THE US INTENDS TO REMAIN NON-COMMITAL ON THIS ISSUE. AS FOR PROCEDURES, HOWEVER, WE FAVOR CONSIDERATION OF A COMPOSITE TEXT IN PLENARY, RATHER THAN REVERTING TO THE SEPARATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS OF THE PAST. ASSUMING THAT UNDER THIS PROCEDURE AMERASINGHE WOULD HAVE SUFFICIENT FLEXIBILITY TO ALTER THE TEXT IN WAYS THAT

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REFLECT A BALANCED CONSENSUS, THE CONFERENCE WOULD HAVE A BETTER CHANCE OF COMPLETING ITS WORK.

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